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Command Operations Report

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

Name of your Command or Organization: Commander, Carrier Air Wing THREE

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09731

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: WIKOFF First: GEORGE M.I.: M Rank: CAPT

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2013-12-22

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: The mission of Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW 3) is to conduct carrier air warfare -- project power, as described in Forward.... From the Sea. The assigned naval warfare mission areas will be exercised principally in conducting operations in littoral areas in joint, allied, or combined scenarios. The air wing is also the primary weapon system (offensive and defensive) of the multipurpose aircraft carrier. The air wing staff assists the Air Wing Commander in the planning, control, coordination and integration of wing aircraft in support of carrier air warfare. Within the composite warfare (CWC) structure, the staff assists the Commander in his duties as Strike Warfare Commander (BP) when assigned - by

planning and coordinating overland strikes in designated geographic areas. The staff additionally assists the Commander in his duties as Surface Warfare Commander (BS) - when assigned - by planning and coordinating the detection, identification, localization, tracking and attack of surface ship targets.

The Strike Group typically deploys to the following areas of operation:

4TH FLEET (SOUTHCOM AOR)
5TH FLEET (CENTCOM AOR)
6TH FLEET (EUCOM AOR)

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **NAS Oceana, VA**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Strike Group TEN**

Administrative: **Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic**

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable):

HARRY S. TRUMAN STRIKE GROUP (CSG 10)
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF)

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **VFA-32**

VFA-37

VFA-105

VFA-131

VMFA-312

VAQ-130

VAW-126

VAW-123

HSC-7

HSM-74

VRC-40 DET 4

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **77 Assigned. Types: F/A-18C, F/A-18F, F/A-18E, EA-18G, E2-C, C-2, MH-60S, MH-60R. Tail Code : AC**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **N/A**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 18 Enlisted: 21 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):
Job Title/Office Code: LT (b) (6) Admin Officer/N1
E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): (b) (6)

Phone number(s): 757-433-2889

Command Mailing Address: Commander, Carrier Air Wing THREE
UNIT 60106
FPO AE 09504-4402

2. Commander's Assessment

Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3) spent the 2014 calendar year executing a rigorous deployment and post deployment sustainment phase. CVW-3 returned from a nine month deployment to C6F / C5F AORs as Strike Warfare Commander for HARRY S TRUMAN Strike Group in April 2014. CVW-3 consists of eight Naval squadrons and one Marine squadron, with 1,800 personnel and 77 aircraft. During deployment CVW-3 flew 13,600 Class-A MISHAP free sorties including over 2,900 sorties in direct support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Overall, CVW-3 flew 38,000 hours, 13,600 sorties, and delivered over 50 tons of ordnance with a 98% sortie completion rate. Additionally, the air wing upheld the highest standards of readiness by maintaining a "zero-gap" Ready Basic Aircraft rate during an extended sustain period following the completion of deployment.

3. Chronology

2014-01-01 thru 2014-04-18: CVW-3 deployed to FIFTH Fleet AOR - Embarked onboard USS HARRY S TRUMAN in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

2014-01-01 thru 2014-02-02: HST CSG and CdG CSG integration – Harry S Truman Carrier Strike Group, to include CVW-3, participated in multiple exercises with the Charles de Gaulle Carrier Strike Group during the month of January. The integration had both French and US Carrier Strike Groups working closely together to execute such events as ADEXs, JADExs, CSAR, and personnel exchanges. All exercises and integration took place while operating on the North Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.

2014-04-18: CVW-3 flew off USS HARRY S TRUMAN for home bases of Oceana, Jacksonville, Whidbey Island, and Beaufort.

2014-04-18 thru 2014-07-31: CVW-3 maintained surge readiness status by maintaining proficiency, focus, and skills through multiple Large Force Exercises based out of Oceana. VAW-123 is operationally reassigned to CVW-3 on 15 July 2014.

2014-08-01 through present: CVW-3 involved in the maintenance phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan cycle. Squadrons continue to train while aircraft undergo deep maintenance to ensure reliability, efficacy, and longevity.

2014-10-06: CVW-3 changes home Aircraft Carrier from USS HARRY S TRUMAN to USS EISENHOWER and begins air/ship team integration.

2014-10-06 thru 2014-10-10: CVW-3 maintains proficiency and Air Wing integration by conducting a Large Force Exercise out of Oceana. Aircrew planned and participated in overland Large Force Strikes, SCAR, and CSAR missions.

2014-11-2: VFA-131 is operationally reassigned to CVW-3.

2014-12: VFA-37 and VMFA-312 are operationally reassigned from CVW-3.

Narrative

N/A

4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

N/A

5. Published Documents

Biography: CAPT George M. Wikoff (CAG)
CAPT Jeffrey T. Anderson (DCAG)
Snapshots of Command Website
[<http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/cvw3/Pages/default.aspx>]

6. Photographs

N/A

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